

Annual Report - 1962

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Edmund Ignatius Rice.

St. Edmund's School

FOR BLIND BOYS



ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1962



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Foreword

One of the most touching cries that has come to us across the centuries is that of the blind man in this morning's Gospel: "Lord, that I may see." Only God, of course, could respond by giving back the man's sight, or by giving sight to one who had never seen the light of day; just as only God can dispel the worse darkness of error and ignorance from a man's soul by flooding it with the light of Faith.

But God's care for His creatures is not confined to the working of miracles, nor does He exercise that care always without the co-operation of other chosen instruments.

Here in the Parish of Wahroonga we are the privileged witnesses of the loving care He bestows upon those who have been deprived of the blessing of bodily sight. And as we watch them becoming familiar with the works of creation, the sight of which brings such joy to us, we see them grow, too, in the knowledge of God Himself.

The instruments of these near miracles (and anyone who sees the boys of St. Edmund's at lessons or at play feels himself to be in contact with the miraculous) are the Christian Brothers and their supporters, the men of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

It gives me great happiness to write this Foreword to the Annual Report of St. Edmund's School for 1963 and to pay tribute to the Brothers for the work they are doing and to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which makes that work possible. As an ex-student of the Christian Brothers, I owe them more than I could ever repay; while as Parish Priest I am keenly aware of the debt which we all owe to the self-sacrificing generosity of the men of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

There are many calls upon the generosity of Catholics; there are many works claiming their loyal support. No work is more Christ-like than that which is carried on at St. Edmund's. There every day the cry goes up: "Lord, that I may see"; and there every day it is answered in a wonderful way by the chosen instruments of God, so that boys leave St. Edmund's with a firm step, quite unafraid of the future or of life in a seeing world. Wherever they go these boys are able to take their place in society, even to become leaders of their fellow men. And, best of all, they are good Catholics, seeing all things with the eyes of Faith, things which lie beyond the focus of the keenest bodily vision.

I, therefore, take much pleasure in recommending this Report and Financial Statement to your interest.

THOMAS P. FITZGERALD, O.P..

Prior and Parish Priest,

Wahroonga.

Quinquagesima Sunday, 1963.



On occasions, such as the above meeting, we are linked through our Archbishop, His Eminence Norman Thomas Cardinal Gilroy, with our Holy Father Pope John XXIII. Particularly is that the case this year as we continue to pray for the success of the Ecumenical Council.



Christian Brothers' Annual Report

My Lord Cardinal,

With thanks to Almighty God for the Blessings bestowed on us during the year, we humbly present to you and through you to the members of the Hierarchy of Australia, to the members of Religious Congregations, to the Brothers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and to all our benefactors the Twelfth Annual Report of St. Edmund's School for Blind Boys.

The year, 1962, has been a momentous year in the History of the Church, with the convening of the Ecumenical Council by His Holiness Pope John XXIII. With you we have prayed that the desire of our Holy Father may be fulfilled—that the new spirit aimed not only at bringing our Holy Mother, the Church, into closer touch with the modern world, but at ending the division that has dissipated the Christian message for four centuries.

Aim of Christian Education Fulfilled.

In the Encyclical "Divini illius Magistri" Pope Pius XI stated that "the proper and immediate aim of Christian Education is to co-operate with Divine Grace in forming the true and perfect Christian, that is, to form Christ Himself in those regenerated by Baptism. . . . For precisely this reason, Christian education takes in the whole of human life, physical and spiritual, intellectual and moral, individual, domestic and social, not with a view to minimising it in any way, but in order to elevate, regulate and perfect it, in accordance with the example and teaching of Christ." Aided by the spiritual ministrations of the Fathers of the Missionary Society of St. Columban, and the Friars of the Order of St. Francis, we feel that we have fulfilled this aim. This supernatural life the boys live in Christ is evident in the lives they lead, in their devotion to Mass and their reception of the Sacraments, and in their respectful co-operation in all tasks set them.

Again we would like to express publicly our deepest thanks to those priests, who in devotion to their own vocation, have become an essential part in the lives of our boys.



— THE BOYS —

Wyndham Report.

This year saw the introduction of the Wyndham Report. As it is our aim to educate our boys to be able to take their place with sighted boys, and to be given equal opportunities, it was necessary with the four boys who entered Form I to begin their secondary course in accordance with this scheme. While it is a little early to see the full effect of this scheme, we have found certain aspects of the Course, particularly the Science Course, very advantageous to blind children.

Having in mind the necessity of a proper course in Science and Manual Arts, it was proposed to erect a science and a manual arts room. We wish to thank the Committee of St. Edmund's for the eagerness with which they undertook the fulfilment of this proposal. Relying on Divine Providence and on you, our generous co-labourers, they did not hesitate to seek the necessary finance for this work. Due to the competent work of the Architect, Mr. F. Zipfinger, and builder, Mr. J. Ward, this block will be ready for use in 1963.

School Curricula.

Our roll call for the year totalled 31, the classes ranging from third class to second year while one boy attended St. Leo's College, Waitara. A group of six boys, under the capable hands of Miss K. Ryan, formed our lowest class. We would like to express our indebtedness to Miss Ryan for the excellent work she has achieved with this class—work that portrays cheerfulness and much patient, self-effacing work. Two days per week this class has been assisted by the voluntary work of Miss McFlynn, a retired teacher, to whom we owe so much.

This year we introduced tumbling and dancing to the activities of the boys, who have already shown much skill in both fields. The blind child needs the added assurance gained from systematic training in such skills. As there is no trick or special method used, we are much indebted to Mr. and Mrs. G. Sparkes, who have shown such excellent patience, and we would like to thank them for their services.

We have been impressed with the way the boys have taken to both tap and ballroom dancing. We are hopeful that by initiating this class, our blind boys particularly will achieve a much demanded social grace, and, at the same time, receive some training that will put them more at their ease in social situations.

Sports.

Unfortunately with the removal of the Wahroonga School for Blind Children to North Rocks, the usual Combined Blind Schools' Sports could not be held; but a very interesting sports afternoon was held at St. Leo's Oval, with the girls from St. Lucy's. We are indebted to the Sisters from St. Lucy's for their assistance, and also the Brothers at St. Leo's for the use of their oval and



ABOVE: An occasion to remember was the honour bestowed on us by a visit of Professor Chouard, President General of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, at the Concert in Canberra last year.



BELOW: One of the items that impressed the Professor.



Steps in the Right Direction



David saying Good
at Mascot.



Graduation Day for
Bernard Tierney.



Mr. and Mrs.
Peter O'Neill.



amenities. We appreciated the large attendance of parents, who added enjoyment to the Sunday afternoon, and gave encouragement to their children.

Eisteddfods, Concerts, etc.

Again this year as a climax to their singing and verse-speaking lessons, the Boys performed very creditably in the City of Sydney, City of Parramatta and Christian Brothers' Eisteddfods. Matthew Ponsonby again won the Jack Davey Scholarship of £20 for the best performer in the Blind Section of the City of Sydney Eisteddfod. As mentioned on previous occasions, the boys are trained to use these talents to give glory to God, and so we again presented two concerts in the country, at Young and Canberra. These excursions can become a socialising and motivating force in the education of the boys.

The concert programme included singing, dancing, verse-speaking, tumbling and instrumental items. At Young an audience of 300 attended, while a capacity crowd of 750 packed the hall at Manuka, Canberra. While in Young, the boys were entertained at a stud cattle farm owned by Mr. Tout. In Canberra a pleasant day was spent at Mt Stromlo Observatory and the Cotter Dam. Here also Martin Srimulchai was honoured, being able to meet the visiting King and Queen of Thailand, while David Kerin was received by the Minister of Territories, Mr. Hasluck.

The boys also entertained many of our benefactors at Chatswood, Ashfield and in the I.N.A. Hall. At two of these the film, "A Day in the Life of a Blind Boy," was shown. This film is an excellent production, depicting life at St. Edmund's. Our thanks are due to the anonymous producer of this film, and to the Mayors of Willoughby and Ashfield for gratuitously making available their halls for these functions.

Ex-students.

We are always pleased to record the progress of our ex-students. Despite the statement of a prominent educational authority in N.S.W., who told the South Sydney Rotary Club that "the blind, sadly enough, will always live in the world of the blind," we have always advocated that the blind should be educated to prepare them to take their place in the seeing world, as designed by Almighty God.

Bernard Tierney, having graduated in April as a Bachelor of Economics, secured a position with the A.M.P. Society; while David Kerin left for London to train at the Royal National Institute of the Blind School of Physiotherapy.

Henry Ford was not so much inspired by Charity as with the possibilities of the blind in industry when he wrote: "There are more jobs especially suitable for blind people than there are blind people to fill them." In this regard the blind do not need pity. They ask one thing of society—"Give us a chance!" That is what the Directors of the A.M.P. Society did for Bernard Tierney. We know they have not been disappointed, and we hope that their action may inspire others in the sighted community to acknowledge just how capable blind people can be.

Any occasion that incorporates the reception of the life of Grace through one of the Sacraments is an important event. Particularly is this so with the Sacrament of Matrimony; for Christ enters into Christian Marriage in a direct, active and efficacious manner. He is present as a bond, which, by the Sacramental Grace and by His Charity, preserves the union of husband and wife and makes that union participate in the fundamental mysteries of His own union with His Church. Hence we congratulate Peter O'Neill, our first Old Boy, on his marriage to Janice Thompson during the year; and we pray that their married life may be full of happiness and the love of God.

We would like to thank all those who have personally helped us during the year, particularly those who have taken the boys on picnics or outings, or who have taken them to their own homes for periods. This breaks down a certain amount of isolation that can develop with a handicap. Man is made in order to communicate in the life of his fellow men. It is in social life that man finds the satisfaction of his needs; it is his own very needs which demand that he should enter into relations with others. This is also demanded for the perfecting of his own personality itself; for the more this personality is thrown wide to the enriching influence of knowledge and of love, the more it is developed and made perfect.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the retirement of two of our Presidents—Mr. W. T. Morck and Mrs. H. C. Williams.

Mr. Morck, as President of the Committee of St. Edmund's within the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, has given much valuable time and service to St. Edmund's. Due to his influence and driving force, the duties of this Committee have been fulfilled in the true spirit of the Society. Mr. Morck's added gift of Charity and his personal qualities make him a candidate for the title of "Perfect Christian Gentleman." While we regret his relinquishing of the Presidential position, we are pleased that he will be able to continue as a member of our Committee.

Mrs. Williams has worked for St. Edmund's as President of the Ladies' Auxiliary for over 12 years. It would be impossible to adequately assess our indebtedness to her. In all that she did, her whole motivation seemed to be to give Glory to God and to help "her boys." Her personal interest in the boys, and her deep humility in the preparation of duties for them, leave an unforgettable memory in the minds of all with whom she associated on our behalf. We would like to thank Mrs. Williams for all she has done, and we hope and pray that her trip overseas will be beneficial to her and her husband, to whom we must also express our thanks for his co-operation with Mrs. Williams' activities for us. We are pleased to know that Mrs. Williams' experience will not be lost to our Committee, and we look forward eagerly to her return.



Scene from "The Sound of Music."

Finally, I would like to express to our Archbishop, His Eminence N. T. Cardinal Gilroy, the loyalty and gratitude of all connected with St. Edmund's for his continued patronage and assistance.

Our gratitude is also expressed to their Lordships, the Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Sydney;

to the members of the Hierarchy of the Church in Australia who have helped us in any way;

to the Brothers and Teachers of the School for their unfailing co-operation;

to the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, both Senior and Junior Conferences;

to the St. Edmund's Ladies' Auxiliary and Younger Set;

to Ers. Beckett, Giblin, Mackin, Mr. Douglas, and other professional men who have helped us in any way;

to the Domestic Staff for their contribution to the welfare of the School;

to the Braille Writers and Typists, Clubs and Organisations who have given their valuable time in service to the boys;

to Mr. Matthews, Mr. A. Brodie, Mrs. Lehrer, Mrs. Kinsela, Mr. O'Connor for their assistance in various fields concerning the boys and School;

and finally, to you, our benefactors, who have generously made the sacrifice of monetary contributions in order to assist this work of Charity for God's Beloved Ones.

May I then in thanking Almighty God for His Graces and favours of the past year, pray that He Who will not be outdone in Generosity, may shower those Graces on you who have made this work possible

—The Christian Brothers.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT, 1962

During the past year this Special Work of the Society has again been blessed by Almighty God, as evidenced by the progress of the boys and of the support to the School.

Many have participated in achieving these results, and, although we do not wish to single out any person, we consider that special gratitude is due to the following, who have, during this year, as in the past, rendered valued assistance to St. Edmund's.

His Eminence Cardinal N. T. Gilroy.

Spiritual Director, Reverend Father R. Hine.

The Hierarchy and Religious Orders of Australia.

The Christian Brothers for their strenuous devoted work at the School.

The Ladies' Auxiliary. At the Annual Reunion they made a donation of £300, and later in the year they donated £500 towards the cost of the Swimming Pool.

The Younger Set who, despite their small numbers, have been untiring in their efforts to assist.

Catholic Braille Writers, under the leadership of Mrs. Kinghorne.

Members of the Meter Shop, North Shore Gas Company.

Boomerang Social Club, Marrickville.

Donations and assistance to the School in many ways were provided by the Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Societies and members of the public.

Once more the students of St. John's College within the University of Sydney have made this work their main charitable interest and their assistance is sincerely appreciated.

Concerts were given by the boys at Young, Canberra, Chatswood and Ashfield.

These were most successful and showed very clearly the results of the training of the boys.

At these functions the film, entitled "A Day in the Life of a Blind Boy," produced and exhibited by Mr. E. N. Dawes, received very favourable comment.

Brother D. Reeves has succeeded Brother J. Adams as Principal of the School, the latter having been Principal for the past six (6) years and prior to that was a member of the teaching staff since the School's commencement.

The best testimony to the work performed by Brother Adams is shown by observing the results that he had achieved, both with the boys and the School. His inspiring and devoted labours are greatly appreciated. We welcome Brother Reeves and look forward to our association with him. Brothers Grealey and Loth have been transferred and in their stead we welcome Brother Crowley.



Another Scene from "The Sound of Music."

New buildings, comprising Science block workshop and Gymnasium, have now been completed at a cost of £11,000, and it is estimated that the cost of equipping the same will be £3,000. The amount of £14,000 is the goal for which those raising funds for the School are now striving.

What a wonderful way in which to assist God's little ones!

In conclusion, we sincerely thank Almighty God for the blessings which He has bestowed upon this Special Work and trust that He will continue to bless it, the boys and all those in any way associated with it.

THE COMMITTEE.



Scene from "Oliver".



Caesar in the Making.



1953 — Dormitory Additions.



1962 — Swimming Pool Completed.



since 1950

nal Purchase.



1959 — New Classrooms.



1963 — Science and Manual Arts Rooms.



Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1962

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Domestic—				Donations—			
Provisions	1,854	4	1	Conferences:			
Fuel, Gas and Light	406	6	11	Metropolitan	3,148	10	4
Household Requirements, etc.	662	18	1	Country	521	1	0
Wages	1,926	15	5	Interstate	442	16	0
Clothing	25	7	5				
Repairs & Ground Expenses	601	11	8				
Water Rates	51	9	4				
			5,528				
Religious & Educational & Sporting—							
Chapel	51	0	1	Public	4,112	7	4
Music and Elocution Fees	374	12	5	Central Council of Sydney	3,565	3	4
Handicrafts	26	8	6		250	0	0
Sporting Equipment	87	7	0				
Braille Stationery	90	17	6	Social Service Contribution			
			630	Fees Received			7,927
Medical—				Interest Received			10
Chemist	12	16	10	St. Patrick's Day Appeal			8
				Bequests			3
Administrative—				Ladies' Committee			6
Car Expenses	190	7	4				
Architect's Fees	330	0	0				300
Rent	100	0	0				0
Postage and Telephone	210	5	4				
Stationery	125	14	8				
Insurance	146	4	7				
Advertising	170	18	11				
Swimming Pool Expenses	91	4	0				
Depreciation Equipment and Furniture	115	3	4				
Travelling Expenses	69	10	6				
Interest	101	17	0				
Chemistry Room Expenses	41	10	6				
School Expenses	300	0	0				
General Expenses	114	12	0				
Annual Appeal Expenses	626	9	1				
			2,733				17
Surplus of Income Transferred to Accumulated Funds A/c.			6,060				17

ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL FOR BLIND BOYS

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1962

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Advance — Commonwealth		Fixed Assets—	
Trading Bank	13,056 14 1	Land and Buildings	44,091 13 4
		Swimming Pool	3,268 10 1
Accumulated Funds—		Equipment	1,957 1 9
Balance 1st Jan'y., 1962	29,170 15 7	Less: Depreciation ..	1,957 1 9
Add Surplus for Year	6,060 17 7		
	<u>35,231 13 2</u>	Furniture	781 15 0
		Less: Depreciation ..	638 8 3
			<u>143 6 9</u>
		Current Assets—	
		Cash at Bank	784 17 1
			<u>£48,288 7 3</u>
			<u>£48,288 7 3</u>

P. O'BRYNE, A.C.A.A., A.A.S.A.,
Hon. Treasurer,
25/2/1963

SCIENCE FOR THE BLIND

(Extract from "Education of the Blind," by Merle E. Frampton,
PL.D., LL.D.)

"The study of science in the high school should so modify the life of the boy and girl through the nature of the content and the method of study that they will better understand, more fully enjoy, more thoroughly appreciate, and more thoughtfully adjust themselves to the environment in which they live, and, so far as possible, control it."

In the broadest terms of modern education the objectives of science in the education of the blind should be to lead the pupil into a way of life, knowledge, and happiness. If these objectives are acceptable, it is obvious that science teaching for the blind should not depend on the enthusiasm of one individual but rather should be made a part of every curriculum.

Therefore, the general aims in teaching science to the visually handicapped should be:

1. Life enrichment through participation in a modern democratic social order.
2. To provide rich and meaningful experiences in living.
3. To give an understanding of natural common phenomena by simple explanations.
4. To give an understanding of common devices, such as the radio and the aeroplane.
5. To give an understanding of the fundamental laws of nature and the underlying principles of the physical world; for example, the source of energy or the law of the conservation of energy.
6. To give an acquaintance with the common laws of health.
7. To give some ability in the use of the scientific method.



**GYMNASIUM
EXTENSION**



**INTERIOR
ANNUAL ARTS ROOM**



**SCIENCE
ROOM**





Two More Scenes From "Oliver".



TRANSFERS

Just as we go to press we have received word of the transfers of Rev. Br. Grealy and Rev. Br. Loth from the staff of St. Edmund's.

Brother Grealy had been stationed at St. Edmund's for two years, during which time he endeared himself with the smaller boys whom he taught. He brought to St. Edmund's the vigour that had characterised his life of over 50 years as a Christian Brother. We wish him well in his new assignment at Gympie.



Another View of the New Extensions.

Brother Loth had been with us for only one year. He achieved remarkable work with the middle primary boys, and the spirit of faith and learning acquired by these boys was a testimony of the zeal which permeated Brother's life. He shall also be remembered for his work with the Choir and other extra-curricula activities. His life as a Christian Brother was inspiring to both Brothers and boys. We wish him well in his new post at Goulburn.

At the same time we would like to welcome to St. Edmund's Rev. Br. D. H. Reeves, the new Superior,* and Rev. Br. Crowley. We trust that their work in this Apostolate of the blind may be beneficial to the boys, and further enhance their Glory before the Throne of Almighty God, Who has promised "Those who instruct others to Justice shall shine as stars for all eternity."



Boys
at





*Study,
Work and
Play*



LADIES' AUXILIARY REPORT

It is with regret that I submit my Final Report as President for St. Edmund's for the year ended 31st December, 1962. My husband and I are going overseas and I now feel that the time has come for St. Edmund's to have a younger President.

I do wish to thank the Brothers, the Men's Committee, our good friends and my loyal members of my Auxiliary for all they have done to help me. Thank God we have had a very successful year, as will be noticed in our Financial Statement.

Our grateful appreciation goes to the Directors of the Trocadero for assisting us with our Card Party which, together with the Linen Raffle, realised £295/9/1. We do thank Mrs. J. P. O'Neill, who has graciously donated the prize for the Linen Raffle for many years.

Mrs. P. Seifert deserves our sincere appreciation and thanks for lending her home for our Luncheon Party and this, with the Christmas Hamper Raffle, amounted to £335/1/5.

We were pleased to be able to continue our donation of £300 to the Annual Appeal. At our final meeting in October I suggested that we would make the payment of the Swimming Pool for the boys our chief project to work for and we paid the first instalment of £500 in December.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Brother Adams and our President, Mr. Morck. St. Edmund's will miss their guiding hands and we do wish their successors God's Blessing.

I do wish to thank all our faithful friends and particularly Mrs. A. W. Morrison, who has had a party in her home every year since 1951 for my Boys. To the members of my own Auxiliary, particularly Mrs. Poirrier, our Secretary, and Mrs. Keating, our Treasurer, words fail me to express my grateful thanks and without their loyalty and assistance I would not have been able to carry on.

Before concluding I do appeal to all our good friends to continue to support our two Functions which enable us to make St. Edmund's more comfortable and home-like for the Brothers and the boys. St. Edmund's is very close to my heart and it will always belong to me, although not as President.

Our Annual Card Party will be held at the Trocadero on Monday, 24th June, this year.

May 1963 bring you all God's choicest blessings and thank you again for helping my boys.

MONA M. WILLIAMS.

ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL FOR BLIND BOYS

Ladies' Auxiliary

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in Bank 31st December, 1961	773	12 1	Purchase of Six "Perkins Brailers"	232	12 10
Donations	23	4 6	New Fixtures for Brothers' Bathroom	36	7 2
Mrs. A. W. Morrison's Card Party	3	10 0	"Rheem" Hot Water Service for the Original Building	82	15 0
Proceeds of Card Party at Trocadero	327	5 7	Presentations to Ex-Students Peter O'Neill and David Kerin	12	17 10
Less Expenses	31	16 6	Christmas Gifts for Boys and Staff	23	8 2
Bank Interest			Donation—Annual Appeal	300	0 0
Proceeds of Luncheon at Mrs. Seifert's Residence	412	1 9	First Contribution to Cost of Boys' Swimming Pool	500	0 0
Less Expenses	77	0 4	postages and Miscellaneous	4	18 3
Proceeds of Stall at Boys' Christmas Party	335	1 5	Balance in Bank 31st December, 1962	278	17 1
	22	17 0			
	£1,471 16 4			£1,471 16 4	

MONA M. WILLIAMS,
President.

D. I. KEATING,
Treasurer.

St. Edmund's Younger Set Report, 1962

As 1962 is reviewed as regards Younger Set functions, there were only two items organised. These were a Dance in March and the Annual Concert in early November.

The reason for this low number in no way reflects on the time and effort given by the Younger Set, but upon the very small number of members. The lack of numbers in the Younger Set has reached a very low figure and it is hoped that those who may read this may feel that they would like to join us in doing a most rewarding task.

Behind these two functions lies a lot of enjoyment with the boys, and a warm feeling of achievement whenever you assist them in any way.

Although our Financial Report is not great, we wish to thank all those who have contributed in one way or another to enable us to have as much as we have. We are saving our money for a substantial purchase to the New Science Block in the near future and for this reason no item has been purchased in 1962.

We look forward in hope, praying that we may be able to continue in 1963 with more members to replace those who have so generously given their time and effort in the past and now have to leave because of other commitments.

May we again express our appreciation and extend a warm invitation to those who would like to help the boys and assure them that even a "cup of cold water given in His Name will be rewarded a hundredfold."

R. J. CRANE, President.

ST. EDMUND'S YOUNGER SET REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash in hand as at 1/1/'62	42	17 4	General Expenses as per Schedule	65	18 7
Interest Received ..	1	2 4	Cash in Hand, 31/12/'62	1	4 0
Proceeds of Functions, 1962	186	19 1	Cash in Bank, 31/12/'62	163	16 2
	<u>£230</u>	<u>18 9</u>		<u>£230</u>	<u>18 9</u>

JOHN ROCHESTER,
Treasurer.

HELPERS



Miss S. BARRETT, just completed 12 years at the School, teaching Speechcraft.

★
Mrs. J. KINSELA
Backstage at a Concert.



★
A Section of
the Committee
in Session.

★

“AGAIN THE YOUNG”

“Unless you become as little children you shall not enter the kingdom of Heaven.”

Again this year we have seen some of the actions of children in their acts of practical charity. We should ask ourselves how do we measure up to the standards of the following—standards that are very high. We would like to quote from many letters, but space will permit of only two—

Dear Brother,

Enclosed you will find a cheque for £8. My brother, sister and I raised this amount by holding a fete in the front garden. Hoping this will help your deserving appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon, Michael and Shayne Harkins.

Dear Brother,

Enclosed please find £6 collected by Gai Smith (aged 10) and Phillip Mouncey (aged 10), from singing Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning. They would like you to pass it on to the Blind Children for them.

Yours faithfully,

Valerie Smith.

The Junior Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have also worked hard for us. Best effort of all came from the Marist Brothers' High School, Kogarah, with £50, and the Christian Brothers' College, Sutherland, with £30.

We trust and pray that the Blessings of Almighty God will be granted to all those children who have helped in any way.



To these and many other un-named helpers we offer our thanks and pray that Almighty God will bless them, too. In your hands the success of this work rests, we pray that you will not let it down.

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to visit the School and to see in which way you can assist, in gratitude for the gift of sight which Almighty God has given to you.

PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND —

C A R D P A R T Y

Organised by the Ladies' Auxiliary

at the TROCADERO

MONDAY, 24th JUNE, 1963

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and

BLESSING OF RECENT EXTENSIONS

at

ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL FOR BLIND BOYS

*CONDUCTED BY
THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS*

to be held in

THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

60 BURNS ROAD, WAHROONGA

SUNDAY, 21st APRIL, 1963

2.30 P.M.



Concert Items by the Pupils

*His Lordship, Bishop J. P. Carroll, Auxiliary
Bishop to His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy, will
preside, and the Special Address and Appeal
will be made by*

Very Rev. Monsignor J. Leonard.